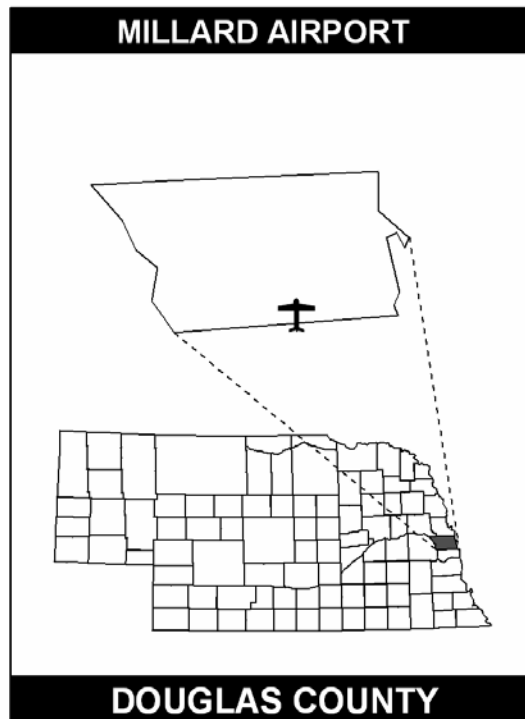


**Airport Location**

Millard Airport is located seven miles southwest of Omaha, Nebraska, in Douglas County. Omaha has a population of 386,742. The 165-acre airport opened in 1967. The primary runway, Runway 12/30, is a concrete surface measuring 3,801 feet in length and 75 feet in width. Major employers in the region include Offutt Air Force Base, Alegent Health, Omaha Public Schools, First Data Corporation, Methodist Health System, Mutual of Omaha, Nebraska Health System, Odyssey Staffing, Staff Mid-America, and West Corporation. Local attractions include Black Americana Museum, Great Plains Black History Museum, Mormon Pioneer Monument and Cemetery, Omaha Botanical Gardens, Omaha Magic Theater, Red Barn Opry Showhouse, U.S.S. Hazard & U.S.S. Marlin Freedom Park, Omaha-Henry Doorly Zoo, and The Old Market.

The airport, with 173 based aircraft, experiences approximately 71,575 aircraft operations annually.

**Economic Impact**

Economic impacts at an airport are measured through employment, payroll, and output (spending). On-airport business and government activities (direct impacts) account for a significant portion of an airport's first round economic benefits. Additional first round benefits are also linked to visitors who arrive via the State's system of airports (indirect impacts). Spending by these visitors supports additional employment and associated annual payroll. These first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. The secondary or induced benefits were measured with Nebraska-specific IMPLAN multipliers. When combined, first round and secondary benefits equal the total economic impact associated with each airport.

**First Round Impact**

In 2002, there were three aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported 26 employees. These tenants' direct or first round employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$2.53 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$533,200. Operational data indicated that approximately 17,640 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional 36 full-time jobs for employees earning an estimated \$602,900 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$952,700.

**Secondary Impact**

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors also create secondary impacts throughout the State. Secondary impacts are induced impacts calculated using the Nebraska specific IMPLAN multipliers. The accompanying table presents the 2002 first round, secondary, and total impacts for

output, payroll, and employment as they relate to on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors.

### **Total Impact**

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from all on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors to Millard Airport was approximately \$5.32 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 91 persons with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$1.74 million associated with these jobs.

### **Other Benefits**

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Millard Airport offers several services to the community. The airport welcomes many recreational aircraft in addition to numerous corporate aircraft such as those belonging to firms in the construction and agricultural equipment manufacturing and the consumer electronics industries. The airport's Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) provide aircraft maintenance, sales, and rental, fuel, and pilot training. The fixed-wing FBOs' flight training school is reported as the largest in Nebraska, having six full-time instructors and 75 students with an estimated 500-600 students placed with airlines over the school's history.

The airport accommodates the State's medical community by serving as the base for many doctor's flights from Omaha to rural Nebraska communities. The Shriners' and Children's Hospitals in Omaha use the airport for medical evacuation flights as well. The Nebraska Natural Resources District and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources perform aerial surveys with helicopters based at the field.

The airport hosts several community and charity events, such as Make-A-Wish Foundation air races, high school career day talks, Experimental

Aircraft Association (EAA) events, and FAA safety programs.

### **Summary**

On an annual basis, Millard Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

<b>Omaha-Millard Field</b>			
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	26	19	44
GA Visitors	<u>36</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>47</u>
Total	62	29	<b>91</b>
<b>PAYROLL</b>			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$533,200	\$260,600	\$793,800
GA Visitors	<u>\$602,900</u>	<u>\$344,700</u>	<u>\$947,600</u>
Total	\$1,136,100	\$605,300	<b>\$1,741,400</b>
<b>OUTPUT</b>			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$2,526,000	\$1,261,800	\$3,787,800
GA Visitors	<u>\$952,700</u>	<u>\$578,600</u>	<u>\$1,531,300</u>
Total	\$3,478,700	\$1,840,400	<b>\$5,319,100</b>

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

In a year's time, capital improvement-related construction spending at airports in Nebraska typically produce the following impacts:

<b>Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending</b>			
	First-Round Impact	Secondary Impact	Total Impact
Employment	1.8	2.3	4.1
Payroll	\$55,264	\$41,206	\$96,470
Output	\$100,000	\$70,250	\$170,250

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. & IMPLAN multipliers